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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was irregular with some locations fair to good, but others were light with little optimism until closer to Memorial Day weekend. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Breast items were in good supply to tight, dark meat was sufficient to well cleared, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 68.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.25 cents last year on May 18, 2005

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	142.50
BREASTS - B/S	121.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.50
LEG QUARTERS	24.50
WINGS	83.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to moderate with active trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to closely cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate to good. Wings were available, but the remaining items were no more than adequate to tight and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly good to instances very good during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance and clearing well. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance to tight. Drums, legs and leg quarters were in close balance to well cleared. Wings were fully adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady to firm. Trade interest was mixed and selective on adequate offerings. Demand was lackluster into all channels; moderate at best. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights mostly desirable. Parts trade was fairly active on limited offerings; best call noted on leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts, especially out-front for Memorial Day weekend. The market tone was fully steady to firm on all parts, except wings were steady.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was about steady. Offerings were in fairly good balance on smaller sized product and generally adequate on heavier weights. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best to cover feature activities. Floor stocks were adequate. Parts were fully steady to firm.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

#### DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 13, 2006. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED

#### DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 13, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through May 13, 2006 were 3.32 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL

#### 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 05/13/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,510	215,969	-01
CHICKS PLACED	174,170	178,354	-02

Source: NASS,USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 24-Jun-06 is estimated at 161.3 million head. This compares to 162.5 million head the previous week and to 167.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 173.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.72 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 17, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	612	104.00-168.00	117-120	123.21	BREAST - B/S	632	110.00-168.00	122-126	124.34
TENDERLOINS	178	95.00-162.00	98-102	100.76	TENDERLOINS	168	95.00-154.00	97-100	99.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	188	31.00-38.00	33-34	33.32	LEGS	148	32.00-38.00	34	33.95
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	570	22.00-28.00	23-25	24.46	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	570	22.00-27.00	23-25	24.39
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,040	23.00-30.00	26-27	26.29	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	24.00-30.00	26-27	26.47
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	60.00-79.00	68-70	68.95	WINGS (WHOLE)	275	60.00-79.00	68-72	70.04
WINGS (CUT)	255	80.00-96.00	-	89.96	WINGS (CUT)	275	80.00-96.00	90-94	91.35
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	108	34.00-38.00	-	36.52
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	120	80.00-86.00	-	84.50
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR —					F.O.B. DOCK.				
		RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE				RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	
		38.00-44.00	40.98				38.50-44.00	41.70	
								5-DAY AVERAGE	
								40.88	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly good during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were in close balance to tight for current trade needs. Leg quarters, drums, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were well cleared. Wings were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, drums, thighs and leg quarters. Other items ranged about steady to at least steady.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 16, 2006				MAY 17, 2006			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	108.07	603,060	BREAST - B/S	130	111.56	684,640
TENDERLOINS	100-105	105.29	230,877	TENDERLOINS	100-105	104.98	133,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	70.84	84,480	BREAST - WITH RIBS	64-65	71.40	54,720
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.70	90,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	64	67.33	81,000
LEGS	37-38	34.87	196,480	LEGS	37-38	36.09	229,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	22.85	456,123	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	22.63	233,920
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	29.85	152,510	DRUMSTICKS	31-32	29.88	155,600
THIGHS	28-29	35.45	86,910	THIGHS	28-29	36.58	65,080
B/S THIGHS	83-84	76.37	106,420	B/S THIGHS	83-84	75.69	101,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	69.48	276,280	WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	70.62	232,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.69	21,320	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.28	24,860
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	25.44	21,240	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.54	8,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.78	27,240	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.15	17,120

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
05/17 05/16	05/15	05/12	05/15	05/12	05/10	05/08		
Alabama	4,009	4,038	3,946	4,615	5.53	5.45	3,937	5.40
Arkansas	5,404	5,443	5,319	4,728	5.44	5.18	5,376	5.38
Delmarva	2,230	2,262	2,274	2,559	5.83	5.64	2,281	5.83
KY-LA-TN	2,320	2,310	2,185	2,532	5.07	5.03	2,279	5.14
Mississippi	2,812	2,786	2,814	2,959	5.86	5.53	2,909	5.87
North Car	2,615	2,654	2,555	2,734	6.99	6.75	2,569	6.92
Texas	2,488	2,479	2,522	2,398	5.32	5.10	2,515	5.16
Total	21,878	21,972	21,615	22,191	5.68	5.50	21,866	5.63
Mon-Wed	65,738(A)				65,422 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-May-06 is estimated to be 32,732,000 head down 0.24 percent from a week ago and up 4.42 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,812,000, last year 31,346,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-103
	DRY PACK 108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 102-109
DUCKS	185-190

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-May-06

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	05/20/06 (1)	05/13/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	166,266 (2)	170,247
Light hens	1,254	1,212
Heavy hens	1,533	1,525
Total	169,053	172,984

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-May-06 is 165.1 million head compared to 165.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.6 million head or 1.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-May-06 the estimated available is 162.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 05/15/06	91,658	70,718
AM 05/01/06	75,818	75,982
CHG	15,840	-5,264
PCT CHG	21	-7

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	05/15/06	05/08/06	05/16/05	05/15/06	05/08/06	05/16/05
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	400	380	4,122	10,600	7,165	6,036
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	64	57	68	3,261	3,193	3,307

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 15, 2006

	<b>RANGE</b>
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 72-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 05/16/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	2.30	4.10	2.95	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.25	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.50	1.00	.77	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.75	1.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	4.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	3.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.80	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.30	2.80	2.56	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	6.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	5.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	21						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending May 12, 2006

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>&amp; Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	58.34	135.57	73.95	8.22	4.11	53.41
High	65.73	139.68	78.06	12.32	8.22	53.41
Mostly	63.68	135.57	73.95	12.32	4.11	53.41

**SAN JUAN**

Low	59.16	131.46	73.95	8.22	4.11	49.30
High	68.61	135.57	78.06	12.32	4.11	49.30
Mostly	65.73	135.57	78.06	8.22	4.11	49.30

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	57.52	131.46	73.95	8.22	4.11	53.41
High	67.79	135.57	78.06	12.32	8.22	53.41
Mostly	63.68	131.46	73.95	12.32	4.11	53.41

**BECERRA**

Low	59.57	143.79	78.06	12.32	4.11	57.52
High	68.61	147.90	82.16	16.43	8.22	57.52
Mostly	63.68	143.79	78.06	12.32	8.22	57.52

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good to very good and seller offerings were generally well cleared, particularly on the 2.5 to 3.5 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 50 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to short on the various breast items. Leg cuts were in generally good balance and clearing well. Wings were at least adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE 48-66  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)  
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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